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20 March 1956

MEMORANDUM TO: MR. CUNNINGHAM

SUBJECT : Film Flow

1. It is recommended that the flow of film from the Detachment through Eastman to Washington be handled as described in the following paragraphs.
2. Detachment "A" will prepare exposed film for shipment at Lakenheath. It will be escorted by Security personnel assigned to Detachment "A" from Lakenheath to Burtonwood (MATS Terminal).
3. MATS Flight 544 originates at Burtonwood, England, and terminates at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, five days a week. Armed Forces Courier Service policy designates the lowest ranking officer aboard each flight as TS courier. This policy, I am sure, is unacceptable to the Project, therefore, the Detachment "A" courier will continue with the film to Dover.
4. Upon departure from Lakenheath, Project Headquarters will be advised by Detachment "A" Commander the weight, cubage and ETA Dover of each shipment of film. Upon arrival at Dover, packages will be delivered to Project personnel who will transport the film to Eastman for processing by station wagon or panel truck. On the return trip to Washington, the truck would bring any developed film back to the Project Headquarters. Aerial transport by USAF aircraft was considered, but is more expensive, less reliable, and less secure than the proposed method.
5. If this general plan of operation is approved, the following actions should be taken:
 - a. Notify Colonel Berg's office of the approximate frequency of shipment and weight and cubage of such shipments asking him to establish priority with MATS and to furnish MATS data required for planning purposes. (Ops action)
 - b. A complete SOP must be written covering the shipment of film from the Detachment through the processor to the Project Headquarters. (Ops/MAT Joint action)
 - c. Determination of additional personnel required in support of this plan.

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Attachment:

Chart

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Dist.: Orig. & cy - addressee

Cy #2 - Det "A" #472

Colonel, USAF